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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In an Office Action mailed December 4, 2001, the Examiner has imposed a
Restriction Requirement to one of the following inventions under the provisions of 35 U.S.C.

§ 121:

Group I: Claims 1-4, drawn to a real-time test system, classified in class 422,
subclass 52;

Group II: Claims 5-8, drawn to a method for determining insulin levels,
classified in class 435, subclass 7.1; and

Group III: Claims 14-18, drawn to a method for determining insulin levels
comprising sampling blood in a Vena Splenica and/or Vena porta, classified in class
436, subclass 548.